

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 165

By Hackworth

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the members of the
Oak Ridge High School Science Bowl Team on
first place finish at the Tennessee Science Bowl.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those exemplary high school students who, who through their natural talents and extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves in their academic careers; and

WHEREAS, the Oak Ridge High School Science Bowl Team is comprised of five such noteworthy individuals who worked together to win their school's second consecutive first place award at the Tennessee Science Bowl; and

WHEREAS, fifty high school teams from thirty-five schools across the State participate in the Tennessee Science Bowl, which is a daylong academic competition consisting of questions pertaining to the scientific disciplines of astronomy, chemistry, biology, earth and general science, mathematics, and physics; and

WHEREAS, Oak Ridge High School's Team One was awarded a \$1,000 cash prize, a first place trophy, and an all-expense paid trip to compete against more than sixty other teams from across the United States in the Department of Energy National Science Bowl; and

WHEREAS, this competition will be held from April 30 through May 5, in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, through long hours of diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and untiring commitment of time and talent, the members of the Oak Ridge High School Science Bowl Team have achieved extraordinary academic success and have made outstanding contributions to their school and community, thus joining the ranks of Tennessee's and our nation's most elite students; and

WHEREAS, the following persons are members of this prestigious group: Xinran Liu, Rowan Chakoumakas, Katherine Xue, Alborz Bejnood, and Leon Zhang; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Oak Ridge High School Science Bowl Team are most grateful for the support and encouragement of Head Coach Nita Ganguly; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to honor and congratulate these exemplary students on their accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend the Oak Ridge High School Science Bowl Team on winning their second consecutive first place award at the Tennessee Science Bowl and extend to each of the members of this select group our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.